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In the Claims

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1   1.   [Currently amended] A method for assigning taxability
2   codes to purchases and processing tax invoices, comprising
3   the steps of:

4   receiving from a user, identified by company indicia to
5   one of a plurality of company groups, a purchase requisition
6   selectively for at least one of a service [[or]] and
7   commodity line-item object;

8   responsive to said indicia and said line-item object,
9   determining in a front end process, a tax code and tax
10   location based on defined business rules;

11   feeding said tax code and said tax location code to a
12   back end process; and

13   in said back end process, converting said tax code and
14   tax location to a tax jurisdiction code with associated tax
15   rate; and

16   in said back end process, preparing a purchase order
17   identified to said one of said plurality of company groups
18   for transmittal to a supplier of said object.

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1   2.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, further comprising
2   the steps of:

3   receiving an invoice from said supplier, said invoice
4   selectively including a tax field;

5   responsive to said tax field, and to said company group
6   and tax code indicia from said purchase order, processing
7   said invoice and said tax field to selectively pay, short
8   pay, or reject said invoice.

1   3.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, further comprising
2   the step of:

3   receiving from said user tax code indicia and tax
4   location indicia, thereby involving said user in
5   defining taxability for said object based on defined
6   business rules.

1   4.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, further comprising
2   the steps of:

3   providing for each prospective object, a corresponding
4   tax code; and

5   defining taxability for said object in said requisition
6   with reference to said corresponding tax code and said

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7   tax location.

1   5.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, further comprising
2   the steps of:

3   maintaining in a taxability table for each general
4   ledger account a corresponding tax code and tax ship to
5   location;

6   responsive to user selection of said object, obtaining
7   from said taxability table said tax code and said tax
8   location; and

9   defining taxability for said object in said requisition
10   with reference to said corresponding tax code and tax
11   ship to location.

1   6.   [Currently amended]   A system for assigning taxability
2   codes to <u>line-item</u> purchases and processing tax invoices,
3   comprising:

4   a user requisition interface for receiving from a user,
5   identified by company indicia to one of a plurality of
6   company groups, a purchase requisition for a service or
7   commodity <u>line-item</u> object;

8   a front end processor;

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9   a back end processor;

10   said front end processor being responsive to said
11   indicia and said <u>line-item</u> object for determining a tax
12   code and tax location, and for converting said tax code
13   into a converted tax code and said tax location into a
14   tax jurisdiction <u>for each line-item object of said tax</u>
15   <u>invoice</u>;

16   said back end process being responsive to said
17   converted tax code, said tax jurisdiction, said
18   preparing and said company indicia for preparing a
19   purchase order identified to said one of said plurality
20   of company groups for transmittal to a supplier of said
21   object.

1   7.   [Original]   The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2   said back end being responsive to an invoice from said
3   supplier selectively including a tax field and to said
4   company group and tax code indicia from said purchase
5   order for processing said invoice and said tax field to
6   selectively pay, short pay, or reject said invoice.

1   8.   [Original]   The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2   said front end processor receiving from said user tax

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3   code indicia and tax location indicia, thereby

4   involving said user in defining taxability for said

5   object.

1   9. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2   a data store for providing for each prospective object,

3   a corresponding tax code; and

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5   said front end processor further defining taxability

6   for said object in said requisition with reference to

7   said corresponding tax code and said tax location.

1   10. [Original] The system of claim 6, further comprising:

2   a taxability table for storing for each general ledger

3   account a corresponding tax code and tax ship to

4   location;

5   said front end processor further responsive to user

6   selection of said object for obtaining from said

7   taxability table said tax code and said tax location

8   and for defining taxability for said object in said

9   requisition with reference to said corresponding tax

10   code and tax ship to location.

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1   11.   [Currently amended]   A program storage device readable

2   by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions

3   executable by a machine to perform method steps for

4   assigning taxability codes to purchases and processing tax

5   invoices, said method steps comprising:

6   receiving from a user, identified by company indicia to

7   one of a plurality of company groups, a purchase

8   requisition selectively for at least one of a service

9   [[or]] and commodity line-item object;

10   responsive to said indicia and said line-item object,

11   determining in a front end process, a tax code and tax

12   location;

13   in said front end process, converting said tax code

14   into a converted tax code and said tax location into a

15   tax jurisdiction;

16   feeding said converted tax code and said tax

17   jurisdiction to a back end process; and

18   in said back end process, preparing a purchase order

19   identified to said one of said plurality of company

20   groups for transmittal to a supplier of said line-item

21   object.

1   12.   [Currently amended]   A computer program product or

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2   ~~computer program element~~ for assigning taxability codes to

3   purchases and processing tax invoices ~~according to the steps~~

4   ~~of~~ comprising:

5   a computer readable medium;

6   first program instructions for receiving from a user,

7   identified by company indicia to one of a plurality of

8   company groups, a purchase requisition including at

9   least one line item for a service or commodity line-

10   item object;

11   second program instructions, responsive to said indicia

12   and said object, for determining in a front end

13   process, a tax code and tax location for each said line

14   item object;

15   third program instructions in said front end process

16   [[,]] for converting said tax code into a converted tax

17   code and said tax location into a tax jurisdiction;

18   fourth program instructions for feeding said converted

19   tax code and said tax jurisdiction to a back end

20   process; [[and]]

21   fifth program instructions in said back end

22   process[[,]] for preparing a purchase order identified

23   to said one of said plurality of company groups for

24   transmittal to a supplier of said object; and wherein

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25   said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program

26   instructions are recorded on said computer readable

27   medium.

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